

that part which is in dispute; and you refer more particularly to a certain narrow strip lying between the north line and the river. This strip I have no power to give up; and beg to add, that the refusal of my Government is founded simply on their objection to dispose arbitrarily of the persons and property of Her Majesty's subjects, living by preference under her authority; an objection which, you are aware, applies with peculiar force to the inhabitants of this part of New Brunswick.

I had hoped that the other equivalents which I had offered, combined with the sense entertained by the Government of the United States of the pressing importance of the case on the ground of humanity, would have been sufficient for the purpose I so anxiously desired; but perceiving, from your note, as well as from personal conversation, that concession upon this point is insisted upon, I might be disposed to consider whether my anxious desire to arrive at a friendly settlement would not justify me in yielding, however reluctantly, if the latter part of your proposal did not, if finally persevered in, forbid all hope or any settlement whatever.

The boundary you propose, supposing the British territory not to come over the St. John, is to run from the north side of that river, three miles above its junction with the Madawaska, over the arbitrary line, which my map does not exactly permit me to follow, until it reaches somewhere, the St. Francis. I need not examine this line in its precise details, because I am obliged frankly to state that it is inadmissible. I think I might, sir, appeal to your candid judgment to say whether this is a proposition of conciliation—whether, after all the antecedent discussions on this subject, it could be reasonably expected that, whatever might be the anxiety of my government for a friendly settlement, I could be found with power to accede to such terms. I need not observe to you that this would give to Great Britain less than the award of the arbitrator, while at the same time she would be called upon to give up what that arbitrator awarded to her, and if I do not mistake you, the floating of the lumber of Maine down the St. John, is also expected to be surrendered.

I must beg to say that I am quite at a loss to account for such a proposal. Your own principle of maintaining the great river as the best boundary, is abandoned—an arbitrary line is drawn which nobody ever suspected before, and I can only suppose this course to be dictated by that general assumption that, notwithstanding all former admissions and decisions to the contrary, this territory said to be in dispute, in truth belongs to one party, to be doled out as a favor to the other: an assumption that cannot for a moment be admitted, and which you, sir, with the records of your office before you, will hardly maintain.

The position in which this negotiation now stands, seems to prove what I have before ventured to advance, that it would have a better chance of success by conference than by correspondence; at all events, that we should soon arrive at ascertaining what we can or cannot do. Slow, unnecessarily slow, our progress has hitherto been, and the public seem somehow or other to have become informed that there are differences more serious than they are supposed to be, but it is very desirable that doubts and distrusts should be set at rest, and that public credit and the transactions of commerce should suffer the least possible disturbance. For all this, should this negotiation unfortunately fail, it will be our duty immediately to place it in some new course of further reference, it is not to be disguised that such a result must be productive of considerable public anxiety and disappointment.

What I have said in relation to the Madawaska settlements will, I trust, sufficiently prove my disposition to approach such a discussion with the true spirit of conciliation, and I trust that you will permit me to express a hope that it will be met with a corresponding feeling.

Before concluding, I wish to add a few words respecting the line of the St. John's to one of its sources, and the navigation for certain purposes of that river. It may be true that the district between the St. John's and the highlands West of the St. Francis, may be of some extent, but your own surveys will confirm to you that it is of very little value either for cultivation or for timber. Is it reasonable that in the division of an object in dispute, its intrinsic value should be wholly disregarded, and its extent alone considered?

I would further suggest for consideration whether, supposing the division by the King of the Netherlands to be admitted to supply fairly the equity of the case between the parties, what is proposed to be added to Great Britain, viz: the strip on the 45th parallel of latitude, and the use of the navigation of the St. John, be not an ample compensation for what we ask in return, viz: the barren strip above the upper St. John, which is wanted for no other purpose than as a boundary, for which purpose it is admitted on all sides to be most convenient.

The right to use the St. John for floating down the lumber of Maine on the same terms as the river is used by the Queen's subjects, is now treated as a matter of light importance. This is not uncommon when a concession of any kind is about to be yielded, but I beg to remind you that this was not formerly so considered. It has been repeatedly solicited and invariably refused, and no minister of Great Britain has before been permitted to connect this concession with the settlement of the boundary.

It is considered by my Government as a very important concession. I am sure that it must be considered by all persons in Maine connected with the lumber trade as not only valuable, but indispensable, and I am compelled to add, that I am empowered to allow this privilege only in the event of a settlement of the boundary on satisfactory terms. It is said in the memorandum of the Maine commissioners that this conceded navigation will be as useful to the town of St. John as to the lumberers of Maine, but it will not escape you that, even if this be so, if it is a concession necessary to give any value whatever to so bulky an article as lumber, which being not otherwise disposable, would bear any reasonable toll which the provincial authorities of New Brunswick might think it expedient to levy upon it. Farther, it should not be forgotten that the timber,

once at the mouth of the St. John, will have the privilege of reaching the British as well as other markets, and lastly, that it is a very different thing to hold a privilege of this important description by right or by mere sufferance, to be granted or withheld at pleasure.

I have to apologize for entering into these details in treating of the great question with which we are occupied, but they seem called for by observations in the paper you send me.

I beg, sir, you will be assured of my unfeigned and distinguished consideration.

ASHBURNTON.

Hon. Daniel Webster, &c. &c. &c.

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

PARIS, OCTOBER 25, 1842.

THE ELECTIONS.

OHIO.—Sufficient returns have already been received to render it certain that the Democracy of Ohio have swept every thing by the board—Governor, Senate, and House! This is a noble rebuke of the late disgusting carousals at Dayton, and of the revolutionary movements of the federalists of the late legislature, which the coon skin hurrah was designed to cover. It is a triumph of law, order, and decency, over contempt of law, disorganization and debauchery. The election took place on the fifth. It was for Governor and members of the Legislature.

Returns of the Governor vote have been received from sixty-three counties. The vote for Shannon (Dem.) is 16,479; for Corwin (Fed.) 13,970. Democratic majority thus far 2509. Our gain, since 1840, is 18,481. Sixteen counties to be heard from, which will increase Shannon's majority to 4000.

The House consists of 72 members. The Democratic majority in this branch will be at least 10. The Senate consists of 36 members, and here the Democrats will have a majority of 10; making, on joint ballot, a majority of 20; being the largest Democratic majority for 15 years.

PENNSYLVANIA.—The election in this State occurred on the 10th inst. and was for members of the Legislature only. The Senate consists of 33 members, 11 of whom are elected annually. The House of 100, elected annually. Enough returns have been received to show that the Democrats have carried both branches.

GEORGIA.—The election in this State was for Representatives to Congress and members of the Legislature; which has gone for the Democracy by an increased vote.

The Milledgeville Journal (fed.) of the 11th, says that "the majority in the Legislature for the Democrats will not vary five votes from that of last year, it being then 52 upon joint ballot."

NEW JERSEY.—The federal majority, on joint ballot, will be 8—last year 12. The Camden Eagle of the 15th, states that the Democratic majority of the popular vote is not less than THREE THOUSAND! and adds:—"If the counties were fairly represented—if the will of the many were respected as it ought to be—the government of New Jersey would be democratic. One struggle more and it will be so."

CAROLINA.—The election in this State took place on the 10th inst. Little or no opposition to the democratic candidates, by the whigs, and as a matter of course, the Democrats are elected by overwhelming majorities in both branches.

MARYLAND.—It is now clearly ascertained that the Democrats will have a majority of SEVEN on joint ballot, the Judges having decided in favor of the Democratic candidate in St. Mary's county.

WISCONSIN TERRITORY.—The recent election in this Territory has resulted in strong Democratic majorities in both branches of the Legislature!

Large yield.—A friend informs us that Mr. John Blake of Turner, raised from one seed, the present season, twelve Pumpkins, the one weighing three hundred and six pounds. Material enough, with other fixins, to make half an acre of Yankee pie for Thanksgiving.

Great slaughter.—The locomotive on the Harlem and Westchester Railroad ran over, or rather ran into a drove of sheep the other night. The engine was thrown off, and after light was procured, it was found that forty-six were left dead upon the road! What a "Car of Juggernaut!"

The Millerites held a camp meeting at Salem, Mass., at which thousands of people assembled. Many, no doubt, from curiosity; a few sincerely believing that in '43 the world will be destroyed. It is whiggery that will be destroyed in '43.

Why should it be?—Fifteen banks in Ohio have blown up during the past and present year. The officers of those institutions have made money by their banking operations, whilst the people have been robbed! Why should this be?—[Wheeler Democrat.]

True enough! Why should it be? And yet it will always be, if the people send men to represent "bank interest"—not the interest of the honest workmen.

The last definition of "Bustle."—One of the stern realities of life.

Mr. Anderson, Mayor of Portland, has offered \$500 reward for the discovery of the incendiaries who are supposed to have caused the recent fires in that city.

Mr. Rantoul has stated to the Supreme Court of Rhode Island that J. Q. Adams will appear in defence of the prisoners charged with treason in that State.

Wife, which way do you suppose the wind is to-night?

Well, really, I don't know, John, but suppose you light a candle and look in our straw bed.

How can I tell by that?

Why, bless you, don't straws show which way the wind blows?

Go to sleep, you critter.

CATTLE SHOW AND FAIR.

A Cattle Show and Fair was held at Norway, in this County, on Wednesday, the 19th inst.

We give below a list of the Premiums awarded so far as we have been able to obtain them. The remainder may be expected in a future number.

To Gen. Philo Clark, of Turner, for the best Horse, \$4 00

—Joel Millett, of Norway, for best Mare, 3 00

—Jesse Howe, of Sumner, for best yoke of working oxen, 3 00

—Do. For best specimen of fat cattle, 2 00

—Town of Oxford, for the best team of working Oxen, 6 00

—Benjamin Bird, of Paris, for the best 3 year old steers, 2 00

—Joel Millett, of Norway, for the best 2 year old steers, 1 00

—Do. For the best 1 year old steers, 1 00

—John S. Holmes, of Oxford, for the best 1 year old Bull, 1 00

—Henry C. Reed, of Norway, for the best Bull calf, 1 00

—Henry W. Millett, of Norway, for the best Milch Cow, 3 00

—Isaiah Hall, of Norway, for the best 2 year old Heifer, 1 00

—Leri Whitman, of Norway, for the best 1 year old Heifer, 50

—Henry W. Millett, of Norway, for the best Ram, 1 00

—Do. For the best Litter of Pigs, 3 00

—T. Clark, of Paris, and E. R. Holmes, of Oxford, for the best Sow, 2 00

—Do. For the best Boar, 2 00

—William Reed, of Norway, for the best Pig, 1 00

—Rev. Charles Soule, of Norway, for the best and only specimen of Coconuts, 3 00

—Rev. C. B. Davis, of Paris, for the best specimen of Butter, 2 00

—Solomon Noble, of Norway, for 2nd best do. 1 00

—Nathaniel Pike, of Norway, for the best Cheese, 2 00

—Mrs. Peace N. Hicks, of Norway, for 2nd best do. 1 00

—Luther F. Pike, of Norway, for the best crop of Wheat, being 39 bushels on an acre, 3 00

—Isaac Abbott, of Norway, for the best crop of Rye, being 31 bushels on an acre, 2 00

—Arch Leavitt, of Turner, for the best crop of Corn, being 101 bushels on an acre, 3 00

—John Baker, of Waterford, for 2nd do. being 50 bushels on an acre, 2 00

—Job Prince, of Turner, for the best crop of Potatoes, being 505 bushels on one acre, 1 00

—Benjamin Tucker, of Norway, for best specimen of Christie Potatoe, 50

—Job Prince, of Turner, for the best specimen of Abington Blue do. 50

—Virgil D. Pariss, of Paris, for the best specimen of winter Apples, 50

—Henry C. Reed, of Norway, for the best specimen of Fall Apples, 50

—Cornelius B. Knight, of Paris, for the best sowed Calf Boots, 1 00

—Mark P. Smith, of Norway, for the best peg'd do. 75

—Do. For best peg'd Cowhide do. 50

—Do. For best Calfskin Shoes, 75

—Do. For best Sole Leather, 1 00

—Do. For best Upper Leather, 1 00

—Do. For best Calf Skin, 50

—Henry Rust, of Norway, for the best Domestic Felled Cloth, 1 00

—Morrell Cole & Co. of Turner, for the best Factory do. 1 00

—Do. For the best Casimere, 1 00

—Do. For the best Dressed Flannel, 1 00

—South Paris Manufacturing Co. for the best Satinette, 1 00

—Rufus K. Goodenow, Paris, for the best undressed Flannel, 1 00

—William Andrews, of Norway, for the best Cabinet Furniture, (Sofa) 1 00

—P. Lenfesty, of Norway, for the best workmanship on Coat, 1 00

—Rufus K. Goodenow, of Paris, for ploughing 1/8th of an acre of sward land with 1 yoke of oxen in thirty-five minutes, 4 00

—William Thomas, of Oxford, for ploughing same quantity of land with 2 yoke of oxen in forty-one minutes, 3 00

Mr. F. O. J. Smith, of Portland, gave an Address on the occasion, which was well received. He spoke of the present Tariff as being favorable to Manufacturers, but very unfavorable to Agriculturalists. In this we agree with him; but we think some of his remarks were calculated to make us depend too much on Government for aid instead of our own resources.

A Committee was chosen consisting of Messrs. Brown of Buckfield, Prince of Turner, and Jennie of Peru, to petition the Legislature for a grant of a Township of land to the Society.

A Committee was chosen consisting of Messrs. Brown of Buckfield, Beal of Norway, Burbank of Bethel, Hawkins of Oxford, and Prince of Turner, to take into consideration the subject of amending the Constitution.

The Officers chosen for the year ensuing are as follow:—

Rufus K. Goodenow, of Paris, President

Job Prince, of Turner, Vice President.

Isaac Harlow, of Paris, Rec. Secretary.

Jairus S. Keith, of Oxford, Cor. Secretary.

Moses Hammond, of Paris, Treasurer & Collector.

Samuel F. Brown of Buckfield, Ezra F. Beal, of Norway, Jedediah Burbank of Bethel, Trustees.

Henry Hawkins of Oxford, Simeon Norris of Paris, Judah Keen of Sumner, Committee on Tools.

Eleazer A. Holmes of Paris, Benjamin Richards of Oxford, Nathaniel Bennett of Norway, Committee on Stock.

John Porter of Paris, John Baker of Waterford, Zury Robinson of Sumner, Committee on Craps.

FROM MEXICO.

We gather the following important news from the New Orleans Picayune of the 7th inst. The Schooner Doric arrived there on the 6th and brought a rumor that the seat of government was to be removed from the city of Mexico to Vera Cruz; that Santa Anna was absent from Mexico, and it was not known where his residence would be fixed.

Preparations were still making to invade Texas by land, and a naval force, in which Santa Anna would personally participate, was to proceed at once to Galveston, upon the return of the fleet from Campeachy.

The Picayune, in addition to the above, says that it received a letter from its correspondent at Tampico, which mentions a trick perpetrated by Santa Anna on the natives and foreigners. He had given out that the anniversary of Mexican independence—the 16th of September—was to be, and should be, celebrated with all "the pomp, pride and circumstance" becoming the glorious occasion. All were called on, nay, compelled, to contribute according to their means, to provide for the due celebration of the national fête; but when they were "milked" out of their dollars, they were told that the funds were wanted to aid in the subjugation of Texas, and that they should satisfy their patriotism by joining in a costless fandango, at the house of the principal Alcade.

The New Orleans correspondent of the Boston Post writes thus: From Texas we have very unfortunate accounts. It appears to be the intention of the Mexican government to march an army across the Rio Grande to attack the western part of Texas and at the same time to attack the eastern or coast, with its fleet, in which case Texas, I fear, will fall an easy prey. She has no money, her treasury being as empty as that of the U. States; and she has no citizens who lend her, and she has no credit abroad. Her fleet is lying in our river for want of funds to enable it to put to sea, and the wolf hunters, who went down to aid her, have mostly returned, in consequence of some dissatisfaction with the government.

THE STEAMSHIP BRITANNIA.

Arrived at Boston on the 18th inst. in thirteen and a half days from Liverpool. There is nothing of importance by this arrival.

Lord Ashburton arrived home on the 24th of Sept. The British press accused the Yankees of having the best of the bargain in the boundary treaty.

A decided improvement has taken place in the manufacturing districts of England. Many of the hands have returned to their work, but some of them are still discontented and are threatening a more formidable strike at a future time.

Several of the chartist leaders, including Feargus O'Connor, have been arrested on a charge of conspiring to promote sedition.

A dreadful fire, accompanied with loss of life, occurred at Liverpool on the 23d ult. An area of six or seven acres is a heap of ruins. The estimated loss varies from £400,000 to £700,000.

The incendiaries are creating a good deal of uneasiness in many places in Great Britain.—They seem to form an organized band in some towns, and their main object appears to be plunder.

Bran Nix. A gentleman who was at the Worcester Cattle Show last week, reports that he observed, one forenoon, a small heap of bran on the floor of one of the hotels in that place.—The room was filled with ladies at the time, who eyed the little bran pyramid with rather suspicious and averted looks. The matter attracted a good deal of notice, and soon quite a number of male spectators stood round the mysterious little pile, looking at each other with distended mouth, wondering and absorbed in thought.—The ladies slipped out of the room, one by one, when the mystery was solved by a rough old fellow, exclaiming to the last of the retreating females, "Marm, I'll be darn'd if you hain't spilt your bustle on the floor." Something was said by several of the relieved spectators about taking it to the Boston Museum, but our informant came away before the result of the consultation was known in Worcester.—Boston American.

From a New Orleans paper.

YANKEE ENTERPRISE FOREVER!

A few weeks ago there was a great flourish in the papers of the North about the steamship Bangor, which was to sail from Boston for Constantinople, touching at Paris, Gibraltar, Smyrna, Malta, &c. on her passage out, but not a word was said about her returning by the same route, or any other. However, the business has leaked out, and the object of the Bangor steamship in visiting the ports of the Mediterranean is thus stated by one of the part owners in a letter to a commercial house in New Orleans:—

"I have bought a part of the steamship Bangor, a boat built by Brown & Bell, in N. York, eight years ago, for a sea route between Boston and Bangor, but faster boats have been put on the route, and she was withdrawn. This boat is fast enough for our purpose. We are putting her in first rate order. She is intended to tow vessels through the Dardanelles and Bosphorus, where the winds and current are contrary for sailing vessels, for eight or nine months in the year. There is another business that promises to be very lucrative also, that of supplying ice to Constantinople. We are taking hands and tools with us for the purpose."

A SYSTEMATIC GIRL. Mr. Bourne, in a lecture at the Farmer and Mechanic Jubilee at Bridgewater, (Mass.) humorously illustrated the advantages of method and order by giving an account of some domestics of his hiring. He once hired a very smart girl; she was ever on the go from early dawn to bed time. After a few years the girl, as girls often will, found a husband and quitted earning wages; and Mr. B. was obliged to hire another. But she was so methodical and apparently so slow his wife was of the opinion she did not earn her wages.—"True she did all the work and had spare time, but she did not seem to be doing much. He one day watched her progress and found that every movement was like clock work,—no missteps were taken; after the fire was made every kettle was properly adjusted, and every dish was ready at the proper time. The table was set while dinner was cooking—every thing had its place, and there was not a lacking article at dinner. There was no bustling and hurrying and fretting and skipping to show out activity; but every thing was quietly performed in order and in season.

On noticing accurately her mode of doing business Mr. B. and his wife were both of the opinion this was the most valuable help he had hired. This led him to see how some farmers lost time. They would hurry to a distant field and soon find they had left some important tool behind—a boy must be sent back for it, and the men must sit and wait.

THE CROTON CELEBRATION.—In New York on Friday, was a grand affair as anticipated; the weather propitious, and every thing went off harmoniously. The city was thronged with people, and the various places of amusement were gaily decorated with flags and banners, and the ships in the harbor were dressed in their richest colors, aptly exhibiting the interest which the sons of Neptune took in a proceeding which brings the mighty waters of the interior in juxtaposition with their briny and native element.

The first public exhibition in the events of the day, was the presentation of a splendid banner, prepared by direction of the city, to the members of the fire department. It was a brilliant affair, 13 feet high by 5 1-2 wide. The presentation took place in the Mayor's Office, where some very happy addresses and responses were made.

The procession commenced its march shortly after 10 o'clock, in the order heretofore published, making a most splendid and inspiring appearance. The length of the procession may be estimated from the fact that the end of the procession had not left the battery till three hours after it had commenced its march.

The procession passed up Broadway, round Union place, down to the Bowery, through Grant to East Broadway, and Chatham street to the Park. On reaching Union place a full head of water was let on the fountain, as was also the effect when the procession reached the Park.—The effect was magnificent in the extreme, and hundreds of thousands of happy voices rent the air with their joyful acclamations.

An Address was then delivered by Samuel Stevens, and an ode sung by the Sacred Music Society, in which over 200 vocal performers joined, aided by rich instrumental music.

On the whole it was truly a rich day, one which will ever be proudly remembered by the noble and enterprising citizens of New York.—N. Y. Evening Post.

Russian Punishment.—At St. Petersburg a game keeper named Rheinman, lately shot with a pistol, Prince Gagarin, master of the ceremonies of the Imperial Court, and Vice President of the Cabinet. The assassin waited for the Prince in the ante chamber of the palace, where he perpetrated the crime. It was supposed to be an act of private revenge, for the Prince enjoyed universal esteem. A court martial was immediately assembled to try the offender, who was sentenced to receive 6,000 lashes, inflicted by 500 men. He had already partly undergone his punishment, and was removed to the hospital, and when cured will suffer the remainder. Should he survive, he is to be transported to Siberia, and employed to work in the mines during life.

VERMONT.—The Vermont Legislature convened at Montpelier on the 16th inst. In the House, on the second balloting, Andrew Tracy was elected Speaker by 22 majority. In the Senate, coons were elected for clerk and assistant clerk by one majority. The official canvass of the votes for Governor shows the following result: Paine, 27,167; Smiley, 24,126; Williams and scattering, 2,132. Paine's majority, nine hundred and nine! In 1840, the State gave 14,482 majority for Harrison. Democratic gain since 1840, THIRTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THREE!!

"Out of darkness comes light," as the devil said, when he looked at the ink keg.

Discharge of James W. of Sessions in the presence of the Court to fight a duel with Attorney moved upon Judge Tallion of the Court in the indictment and, in consequence, be discharged.

This affair he would. It is a fact, that while fortunate as to aid of powerful are suspended, or sent to Sing Sing, whipt of justice, fathers for the

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A FUGITIVE some persons near a hollow mill shaft of powder, and sh some twenty-eight drove in a large when the powder along the wedge passive force of t sunder. But inste towards the villag mile distant. In one of the persons the shaft, struck t some boys were p passed through the hotel, thence thro fell to the ground full some persons None of them we of the villagers w man and his wife in one of the front went a little in fro ver the head of l inches. She had before been stand shot. As it was, fragments of the concussion of the out several panes The first word she quire if her husba

HINTS TO PA dren, remarks of flattery should is true. A ly thing, is gene oftentimes contin He is a reputed blockhead at tw under the care o and the mother or her vanity, w a good thing.

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In this town, of Mr. Jarvis C. Mar of this town. In Readfield, G to Miss Lucia W Readfield.

In Dover, Me. (Printer) to Miss

